GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

EFS&T Dept. – Forest Clearance - Diversion of 45.19 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos. 45 & 46 of Bhakrapet Beat, Bhakrapet RF; Compartment Nos. 49, 50, 52 & 53 of Nagapatla West Beat, Nagapatla RF; and Compartment No. 54 of Nagapatla East Beat, Nagapatla RF, SVNP Chalama Range, Tirupati WL Division, for the construction of the four-laning of the Pileru-Kalur road from km 55+900 to km 95+717 of NH-71 in Tirupati District, Andhra Pradesh – Final approval accorded.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY (SEC.II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.No. 46 **Dated: 29-10-2024**

1. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/4/2021-FCA
   SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 22.03.2023.
2. State Govt.Lr.No.560/Sec.II/2023, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 17.04.2023.
3. From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APA207/2023-VIJ/1300, dated 25.09.2023.
4. From the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, Lr.Ref.No.EFS02-15034/4/2021-FCA SEC-PCCF/FCA-1, dated 21.09.2024.
5. State Govt.Lr.No.560/Sec.II/2023/2028807, EFS&T(Sec.II) Dept., dated 25.09.2024.
6. From the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, Lr.F.No.4-APA207/2023-VIJ/491, dated 15.10.2024.

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ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, has submitted a proposal seeking prior approval from the Central Government under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 for "diversion of 45.19 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.45 & 46 of Bhakrapet Beat, Bhakrapet RF; Compartment Nos.49, 50, 52 & 53 of Nagapatla West Beat, Nagapatla RF; and Compartment No.54 of Nagapatla East Beat, Nagapatla RF, SVNP Chalama Range, Tirupati WL Division for the construction of the four-laning of the Pileru-Kalur road from km 55+900 to km 95+717 of NH-71 in Tirupati District in Andhra Pradesh" and the same has been sent to the GoI, MoEF&CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for according in-principle approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 in the letter 2nd read above.

2. In the letter 3rd read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada, after receiving certain additional information, have accorded in-principle approval under Section-2 of the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980, for the above proposal, subject to the fulfillment of relevant conditions stipulated therein.

3. In the letter 4th read above, the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, has furnished a compliance report on the conditions stipulated in the in-principle approval for onward submission to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for according 'Final' approval Section-2 (1) of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for the proposal. The same has been forwarded to the GoI, MoEF & CC, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada for according 'Final' approval to the proposal vide letter in the 5th read above.

4. In the letter 6th read above, the Government of India, Ministry of Environment, Forests & Climate Change, Sub-office of the Regional Office, Vijayawada have accorded "Final approval" under Section-2(1) of the Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 for "diversion of 45.19 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.45 & 46 of Bhakrapet Beat, Bhakrapet RF; Compartment Nos. 49, 50, 52 & 53 of Nagapatla

West Beat, Nagapatla RF; and Compartment No.54 of Nagapatla East Beat, Nagapatla RF, SVNP Chalama Range, Tirupati WL Division for the construction of the four-laning of the Pileru-Kalur road from km 55+900 to km 95+717 of NH-71 in Tirupati District in Andhra Pradesh", subject to the fulfilment of conditions stipulated therein.

5. Government, after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the PCCF & HoFF, A.P., Mangalagiri, Guntur, for "diversion of 45.19 ha of forest land in Compartment Nos.45 & 46 of Bhakrapet Beat, Bhakrapet RF; Compartment Nos. 49, 50, 52 & 53 of Nagapatla West Beat, Nagapatla RF; and Compartment No.54 of Nagapatla East Beat, Nagapatla RF, SVNP Chalama Range, Tirupati WL Division for the construction of the four-laning of the Pileru-Kalur road from km 55+900 to km 95+717 of NH-71 in Tirupati District in Andhra Pradesh", subject to the following conditions:-

i. Legal status of the diverted forest land shall remain unchanged;

ii. Demarcation of the proposed forest area shall be carried out by erecting 4 feet high cement concrete pillars duly numbered at an interval of 20 meters at the cost of the User Agency,

iii. The State Forest Department shall carry out compensatory afforestation over an extent of 90.38 ha of degraded forest area identified in (2) bits i.e., 1) 50 ha in Inagalur RF, Compartment No.196 of Manavaram Beat, Pallam Section, Srikalahasti Range and 2) 40.38 ha in Yerpedu RF, Compartment No.188 & 189 of Chinthalapalem Beat, Chinthalapalem Section, Srikalahasti Range of field No.147, Aram Village of Dumbriguda (M), Paderu Division, at the cost of the User Agency;

iv. Identified CA area and CA scheme shall not be changed without prior approval of Central Government;

v. Additional amount of the Net Present Value (NPV) of the diverted forest land if any, becoming due after revision of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in future, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency;

vi. The User Agency shall construct retaining walls and check walls wherever required, by consulting the DFO concerned, at the project cost;

vii. Tree felling shall be carried out wherever necessary under strict supervision of DFO concerned;

viii. No additional / new path shall be made during execution of the project;

ix. The following specific conditions proposed by the sub-committee of the REC in its site inspection report shall be complied with;

a. There shall be a minimum elevated structure (animal underpass) length of 800m or more, out of 1100m of the proposed alignment section from Km.85+700 to Km 86+800;

b. Chain link fencing shall be erected along the outer periphery of the road for the remaining 300m length to mitigate Human-Wildlife Conflict and to restrict the wildlife movement towards the road and regulate their movement towards the animal underpass for smooth passage of wild animals;

c. The existing road from the Police Training Centre to the take-off point of alignment (i.e. Km 85+700) shall be closed for traffic and handed over to the Forest Department, after completion of the proposed 4-lane

highway. Further, the cost for raising plantation shall also be borne by the User Agency for which the District Forest Officer shall include said cost in the demand note of Compensatory Levies.

d. Necessary signages for the attention of road commuters regarding the movement of wildlife will be placed on the roadside at regular intervals.

x. Map of the elevated structure (proposed over a length of 800 m) shall be submitted to the Regional Office, Chennai / sub office Vijayawada for record purpose;

xi. The height of the elevated structure shall be as per the height prescribed by the WII;

xii. The User Agency shall obtain prior approval of SC NBWL and the competent authority for the area falling in ESZ area;

xiii. The User Agency / State Government shall apprise the recommendation of the REC to the SC NBWL so as to finalize the mitigation measures as required for the field condition;

xiv. Construction of culverts / bridges, if any, over the natural streams/rivers/canals shall be done in such a manner that it does not hamper the natural course of water, does not give rise to water-logging, and also does not hamper movement of wild animals;

xv. Roadside cuttings and fillings which require engineering support shall be provided as per the instructions of the DFO concerned so as to stabilize the soil;

xvi. The dug-out material / overburden shall be dumped outside the forest area. Storage of any material shall not be done in the forest area;

xvii. The layout plan of the proposal shall not be changed without the prior approval of the Central Government;

xviii. The User Agency shall provide firewood, preferably alternate fuel to labourers working at the site to avoid damage/tree felling and no labour camp shall be established inside the forest area;

xix. Disturbance shall be kept minimum by creating labour camps outside the forest area as far as possible and it shall be the responsibility of the User Agency to ensure that the labourers & staff engaged in execution of work do not destruct nearby forest flora & fauna;

xx. The total forest area utilized for the project shall not exceed **45.19 ha** and the forest area diverted shall not be used for any purpose other than those shown in the diversion proposal.

xxi. The forest land proposed for diversion shall under no circumstances be transferred or sublet to any other agency, department or person without prior approval of the Central Government;

xxii. The User Agency and the State Government shall ensure compliance to provisions of all Acts, Rules, Regulations and Guidelines, for the time being in force, as applicable to the project;

xxiii. Any other conditions that the Central Government may impose from time to time in the interest of afforestation, conservation and management of flora and fauna in the area, shall be complied by the user agency;

xxiv. Violation of any of these conditions will amount to violation of Van (Sanrakshan Evam Samvardhan) Adhiniyam, 1980 and action would be taken as prescribed under the Act, Rules and Guidelines relevant.

6. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests & Head of Forest Force, Andhra Pradesh, shall take further necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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